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REPORT  
OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE,  
FOR  
THE YEARS 1883-84.

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., December 31, 1884. }

To His Excellency WM. D. BLOXHAM,

*Governor of Florida:*

SIR—In obedience to the requirements of the Constitution of the State of Florida, I have the honor of submitting herewith a report of the proceedings of this office for 1883 and 1884:

### COMMISSIONS.

One thousand one hundred and seventy (1,170) commissions have been issued, as follows, viz.:

	No.	Fee.	Amt.
Judge Circuit Court.....	1	61	61
Commissioner of Lands and Immigration...	1	51	51
Superintendent of Public Instruction.....	1	51	51
State Attorneys.....	4	31	\$1.24
Judges County Court.....	16	11	1.76
Clerks Circuit Court.....	12	11	1.32
Sheriffs.....	17	11	1.87
Collectors of Revenue.....	41	6	2.46
Assessor of Taxes.....	42	6	2.52
Superintendents of Schools.....	41	2	82
County Surveyors.....	59	2	58
County Treasurers.....	37	2	74
County Commissioners.....	204	2	4.08
Justices of the Peace.....	252	2	50.4
Notaries Public.....	310	2	6.20
Inspectors of Timber and Lumber.....	21	2	42
Commissioners of Deeds.....	436	2	84
Commissioners of Pilotage.....	18	2	38
Harbor Masters.....	4	2	8
Auctioneers.....	32	2	64
Members of the Board of Health.....	23	2	46
Members of the Board of Medical Exam- iners.....	3	2	6

Members of the Board West Florida Seminary.....	5	2	10
Members of the Board East Florida Seminary.....	7	2	14
Constables.....	7	2	14

1,170      \$3,350

By cash for commissions..... \$3,350

#### REMOVALS.

Seven (7) removals from office have been made, as follows, viz.:

Sheriff.....	1
Justices of the Peace.....	4
Notary Public.....	1
County Commissioners.....	1
Total.....	7

#### RESIGNATIONS.

Superintendent of Public Instruction.....	1
Commissioner of Lands and Immigration.....	1
State Attorneys.....	1
State Senators.....	3
Assemblyman.....	1
County Judges.....	3
Clerks Circuit Court.....	2
Sheriffs.....	5
Collectors of Revenue.....	6
Assessors of Taxes.....	7
Justices of the Peace.....	78
Notaries Public.....	6
County Commissioners.....	25
Superintendents of Schools.....	5
County Treasurer.....	1
County Surveyors.....	2
Commissioner of Deeds.....	1
Commissioners of Pilotage.....	5
Members Board of Health.....	19
Member of the Board of East Florida Seminary.....	1

Total... 173

#### REQUISITIONS.

The following States have made requisitions upon Florida for fugitives from justice, viz.:

Alabama.....	22
Dakota Territory.....	1

Georgia.....	46
Illinois.....	2
Minnesota.....	1
Mississippi.....	2
North Carolina.....	2
South Carolina.....	3
Texas.....	3

Florida has made requisitions upon the following States:

Alabama.....	15
Georgia.....	20
Kentucky.....	1
Louisiana.....	2
South Carolina.....	1
Mississippi.....	2
Texas.....	2

Extradition warrants have in all cases been issued upon the requisition of other States, and upon the requisition of this State also.

# PARDONS GRANTED.

COUNTY.	NAMES.	CRIME.	WHEN PARDONED.
Brevard....	W. M. Thomas.	Aggravated Assault.	January 4, 1883.
Monroe.....	Henry Williams.	Aggravated Assault.	January 9, 1883.
Hernando...	Thomas Jump.	Manslaughter.	February 1, 1883.
Columbia...	Handsome Keen.	Murder in 2d degree.	February 2, 1883.
Alachua....	Ishmael Sapp.	Assault.	February 22, 1883.
Marion.....	W. J. Walton.	Concealing stolen property.	April 9, 1883.
Franklin...	George W Irdine.	Murder, commutation to imprisonment for life.	May 18, 1883.
Monroe.....	Richard Curry.	Dealing in spirituous liquors without a license.	June 9, 1883.
Monroe....	Marcellus Diaz.	Dealing in spirituous liquors without license.	June 21, 1883.
Escambia...	P. J. Stephens.	Manslaughter.	June 21, 1883.
Columbia...	Julius Cotton.	Larceny.	June 25, 1883.
Jackson....	A. Bellamy.	Larceny.	July 27, 1883.
Alachua ...	Joseph Perry.	Larceny.	August 28, 1883.
Alachua...	L. R. Coleman.	Unlawful division of cattle.	September 1, 1883.
Manatee...	D. E. Youmans.	Manslaughter.	September 22, '83.
Gadsden...	J. E. Lang.	Breaking two padlocks.	November 15, 1883.
Columbia...	L. White.	Assault with intent to murder.	December 17, 1883.
Escambia...	Lewis Malone.	Obtaining money under false pretenses.	March 24, 1884.
Duval.....	Joseph Williams.	Aiding in committing manslaughter.	June 17, 1884.
Orange.....	S. B. Carter.	Murder in the 1st degree.	June 24, 1884.
Bradford...	Lorenzo Simms.	Manslaughter in 1st degree.	July 7, 1884.
Bradford...	Washington Jones.	Manslaughter in 4th degree.	July 7, 1884.
Escambia...	Henry Johnson.	Entering building in the night time.	July 7, 1874.
Duval.....	John Davis.	Larceny.	July 25, 1884.
Suwannee...	John W Caner.	Assault with intent to murder.	July 30, 1884.
Leon.....	Eddie Smith alias Cox.	Murder in the 1st degree.	August 4, 1884.

# DEATH WARRANTS.

COUNTY.	NAMES.	CRIME.	WHEN EXECUTED.
Alachua....	John Lee.	Murder in the 1st degree.	May 4, 1883.
Monroe....	Jose Recio.	Murder in the 1st degree.	June 12, 1884.
Monroe ...	Francisco Olates.	Murder in the 1st degree.	June 13, 1884.
Holmes....	Joe Williams.	Murder in the 1st degree.	December 19, 1884.

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND INCORPORATION, ETC.

The following Articles of Association and Incorporation have been filed in this office since January 1, 1883:

Lake City Cotton Ginning Company, articles filed January 5, 1883. Certificate of incorporation issued.

Madison Cotton Ginning Company—Phoenix Mills, articles filed January 5, 1883. Certificate of incorporation issued.

Green Cove Spring and Melrose Railroad Company, articles filed January 5, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Sanford Cemetery Company, articles filed January 10, 1883.

Ocklawaha Steamboat, Canal, Drainage and River Improvement Company, articles filed January 11, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Resolution merging the Florida Transit Railroad Company, the Peninsula Railroad Company and the Tropical Florida Railroad Company into the Florida Transit Railroad Company and consolidated so as to form one company to be hereafter known and called the Florida Transit and Peninsular Railroad Company; articles filed January 15, 1883.

Orange College, articles of incorporation filed January 15, 1883.

Atlantic Coast, St. Johns and Indian River Railway Company, articles of association filed January 25, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Suwannee River and Deadman's Bay Railroad Company, articles of association filed January 31, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Anclote and Indian River Railroad Company, articles of association filed January 31, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Florida Ship Canal and Transit Company, articles of association filed February 24, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Southwestern Railroad of Florida, filed in lieu of the Tropical Transit, articles of incorporation filed March 1, 1883.

Working Men's Building and Savings Association, articles of association filed March 6, 1883.

Florida Midland Railway Company, articles of association filed March 9, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Florida University, filed March 17, 1883.

Florida University, articles of incorporation filed March 17, 1883.

New Hope Glee Society, articles of incorporation filed and a certificate of its filing issued March 23, 1883.

East Gainesville Florida Improvement Company, articles of association filed March 31, 1883.

Pine Street Railroad Company as amended, articles of incorporation filed March 31, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Spring Garden Dock Company, articles of association, together with the proceedings of a series of meetings of said company, labeled respectively, "A," "B," "C" and "D," filed April 17, 1883.

Florida Improvement Company, articles of incorporation filed April 17, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Charter of the Bank of Tavares, granted April 1, 1883.

Manatee Grove Association, articles filed April 23, 1883.

Kismet Land and Improvement Company, articles of incorporation filed May 18, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Report of Alderman Thibaut from street committee to whom was referred the application of the Jacksonville Street Railroad Company, filed May 19, 1883.

Proceedings of a meeting of the Directors of the Jacksonville Street Railway Company, filed May 19, 1883.

Jacksonville and Tampa Railway Company, articles of association filed May 25, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Jacksonville Club, articles of association filed June 4, 1883.

Atlantic and Mexican Gulf Canal Company, articles of association filed June 4, 1883.

Tampa Street Car and Transportation Company, articles of incorporation filed June 11, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Alabama and Mexican Gulf Railway Company, articles of association filed June 14, 1883. Letters patent issued.

St. Andrews Bay and Florida Railroad Company, articles of association filed June 16, 1883. Letters patent issued.

West Florida and Alabama Railroad Company, articles of association filed June 16, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Coast Co-operative Association, articles of incorporation filed June 30, 1883.

A series of Affidavits as to the legal "notice of incorporation for the purpose of constructing the Green Cove Spring and Melrose Railroad," filed June 30, 1883.

Kissimmee Land Company, articles of association filed July 13, 1888.

Tavares Opera House Company, articles of association filed July 16, 1883.

Mutual Gas Light Company, of Palatka, Florida, articles of incorporation filed July 30, 1883.

Jacksonville and Atlantic Railroad Company, articles of incorporation filed August 6, 1883. Letters patent issued.

St. Johns and Kissimmee Railroad and Transportation Company, articles of incorporation filed December 1, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Bayport, Brooksville and Fort Dade Railroad Company, articles of association filed December 3, 1883. Letters patent issued.

Also a series of affidavits as to the legal notice of incorporation of the said railroad company, attached to said articles of association.

Loving Sons and Daughters of Jacob, articles of incorporation filed December 11, 1883.

Brooksville Telegraph Company, articles of association filed December 17, 1883.

Georgetown Navigation Company, articles of association filed December 19, 1883.

Screw Men's Benevolent Association, articles of incorporation filed January 1, 1884.

Apalachicola and Marianna Telegraph Company, articles of incorporation filed January 1, 1884.

Escambia Railroad Company of Florida, articles of association filed January 21, 1884.

Cultivating Fruits and Vegetables in the State of Florida, articles of incorporation filed January 30, 1884.

A transfer of right, title and interest in the charter and stock of the Silver Spring, Ocala and Gulf Railroad from E. W. and Samuel Agnew and Brantly A. Weathers to D. E. Maxwell, filed February 1, 1884.

Macon and St. John's Railway Company, articles of organization filed February 2, 1884. Letters patent issued.

Florida Mining, Manufacturing and Transportation Company, articles of incorporation filed February 2, 1884. Letters patent issued.

Lakeland Improvement Company, of Polk county, articles filed February 5, 1884.

Tallahassee Ice Company, articles of incorporation filed February 13, 1884.

Home Fertilizer Company, articles of incorporation filed February 19, 1884.

Marion Land and Improvement Company, articles of incorporation filed February 23, 1884.

Resolution changing name of the East Gainesville Florida Improvement Company, to Alachua Improvement Company, filed March 3, 1884.

Disston City Cemetery Company, articles of association filed March 7, 1884.

Change of name of the Live Oak, Tampa and Charlotte Harbor Railway Company to the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway Company, certificate filed March 12, 1884.

Change of name of the Chattahoochee and East Pass Rail-

way Company to the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway Company, certificate filed March 12, 1884.

Change of name of the East Florida Railway Company to the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway Company, certificate filed March 12, 1884.

Change of name of the Live Oak and Rowland's Bluff Railroad Company to the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway Company, certificate filed March 12, 1884.

Plant City Land and Improvement Company, articles of association filed March 14, 1884.

Florida Health Company, articles of incorporation filed March 15, 1884.

Key West Gas Light Company, articles of incorporation filed March 18, 1884.

Resolution authorizing stockholders of the Apopka Canal Company to raise the capital of said company from twenty to forty thousand dollars, filed March 22, 1884.

Florida Transit and Peninsula Railroad Company, record of stockholders' meeting held at Fernandina, February 28, 1884, filed March 24, 1884.

Florida Central and Western Railroad Company, record of stockholders' meeting held at Jacksonville, Fla., February 29, 1884. Certified copy filed March 31, 1884.

Gainesville, Rocky Point and Micanopy Railway, articles of organization filed March 31, 1884.

Amendments to the Brooksville Telegraph Company, filed March 31, 1884.

Putnam Manufacturing and Improvement Company, articles of incorporation filed April 3, 1884.

Apalachicola and Alabama Railroad Company, articles of incorporation filed April 3, 1884. Letters patent issued.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Trade at Pensacola, filed April 5, 1884.

Amended articles of association of the Plant City Land and Improvement Company, filed April 7, 1884.

Jefferson County Hotel Company, articles of incorporation filed April 9, 1884.

Fernandina and Jacksonville Railroad Company, record of stockholders' meeting held at Fernandina, Fla., February 28, 1884. Certified copy filed April 9, 1884.

Bank of Key West, articles of incorporation filed April 11, 1884.

Sumter County Florida Land Company, articles of incorporation filed April 11, 1884.

Eustis Ice Company, articles of incorporation filed April 14, 1884.

Florida Health Association, articles of incorporation filed April 16, 1884.

Jacksonville and Halifax Street Railway Company, articles of association filed April 16, 1884.

St. John's Fish Company, articles of incorporation filed April 17, 1884.

Industrial Machine Works, articles of incorporation filed April 17, 1884.

Stockholders' meeting of the Leesburg and Indian River Railroad Company, held at Fernandina, Fla., February 28, 1884. Certified copy filed April 19, 1884.

Suburban Railway and Land Company, articles of incorporation filed April 21, 1884. Letters patent issued.

Florida College of Medicine and Medical and Surgical Infirmary, articles of incorporation filed April 21, 1884.

Leesburg Ice Manufacturing Company, articles of incorporation filed April 22, 1884.

Heather Island Orange Grove Company, articles of incorporation filed April 22, 1884.

Winter Park Navigation Company, articles of incorporation filed April 28, 1884.

Florida Mutual Fire Insurance Association, charter filed May 7, 1884.

Pensacola Gas Company, articles of incorporation filed May 12, 1884.

Florida Southern Railway Company, certificate of change of route, filed May 15, 1884.

Live Oak, Tampa and Charlotte Harbor Railway Company, certificate for Lake City Branch, filed May 16, 1884.

Palatka Street Railway Company, articles of incorporation filed May 17, 1884. Letters patent issued.

Florida Fruit and Farm Company, articles of incorporation, filed May 28, 1884.

Original Certificate of Consolidation of the Savannah Florida and Western Railway Company, the Waycross and Florida Railroad Company, the East Florida Railway Company, the Live Oak and Rowland's Bluff Railroad Company, the Live Oak, Tampa and Charlotte Harbor Railway Company and the Chattahoochee and East Pass Railway Company, filed May 28, 1884.

East Florida Ice Manufacturing Company, original articles of incorporation filed June 1, 1884.

St. Augustine and Palatka Canal and Transportation Company, articles of association filed June 5, 1884. Letters patent issued.

Proceedings of a meeting of the P. C. Journal Association

## SALES.

Thirty-eight pamphlet copies Laws of Florida have  
 been sold for..... \$ 38.00  
 Seventy-eight (78) unbound volumes McClellan's  
 Digest have been sold for \$5.00 per volume..... 390.00  
 Seventy-five (75) bound volumes have been sold for  
 \$6 per volume..... 450.00  
 \$878.00  
 By cash for laws of Florida and McClellan's Digest... \$878.00

## LIBRARY.

For the last fifteen years my predecessors have, in their official reports, called attention to the unsuitableness of the room in which the Legislative Library was kept, its inconvenient arrangement, and the somewhat damaged condition of the books, and recommended its better arrangement and preservation, but no appropriation was made for that purpose.

The library has already become voluminous and valuable; it now contains from six to eight thousand volumes and documents, and contributions from all the States and Territories are constantly coming in. The room in which it was hitherto kept was much too small, and by reason of three large windows, door and chimney-place, it could not be properly shelved and for the want of shelf room, many of the books were necessarily boxed, while others were promiscuously piled upon the floor. Recently, however, without suggestion, recommendation or consultation, the public-spirited and vigilant State Treasurer, in the interest of the State, reconstructed the former wood-room in the basement story of the Capitol, into which said library was transferred, each volume and document carefully overhauled, methodically arranged and partially catalogued. The library is now in a much better condition, but the room is too small, dark and damp.

If sufficient room cannot be furnished upon the second floor of the Capitol for both the Executive and Legislative Libraries, I would respectfully suggest that a proper room or rooms be finished upon the third floor.

Respectfully,

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,  
 Secretary of State.

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